Homoeopathic Medicine for Japanese Encephalitis

3061. DR. NAREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND' FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts are being made to produce preventive and curative medicines in Homoeopathy for Japanese Encephalitis; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has a scheme to study the effect of Homoeopathic Medicines in Japanese Enceph-alities and the same is in progress. Production of preventive and Curative Medicine in Homoeopathy for Japanese Encephalities will depend upon the outcome of the above study.

Assistance to Health Universities

3062. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:

SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of health Universities functioning in the country at present;

(b) whether Government have recently received any request from these universities for assistance;

(c) if so, what are the details there of and the Central assistance provid ed to each university; and

(d -whether Government propose to set up a separate body on the pattern of University Grants Commission for Health Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per information available, two Universities of Health Sciences are functioning in the country, namely, Andhra Pradesh University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, and Dr. M.Gt.R: Medical University, Madras.

(b) and (c) No request was receiv ed from these Universities for finan cial assistance recently. However, the request received from these universi ties about two yetrs ago were for warded to the University Grants Commission for necessary action.

(d) It has been decided in principle to set up an Education Commission in Health Sciences which will be responsible for coordination, planning and implementation of various medical and health education programmes in all branches of Health Sciences, planning for the development of health manpower etc.

Action plan to control blindness

3063. SHRI SANTOSH KUMARi SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) what are the details of action plan and achievements made to control blindness and provide opthalmic care facilities;

(b) the number of public Health Centres which have so far been supplied with opthalmic equipments in the country, particularly in Orissa, district-wise, and the exact target during the period;

(c) the number of Regional Institutes and Training Schools for imparting training to medical and paramedical staff, opened/assisted so far, State-wise and for upgradation of Opthalmic Departments of Medical Colleges; and

(d) the number of cataract Operations targeted/achieved so far?